REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claims 4-8 and 10 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims The following are marked up versions of amended claims 4-8 and

10:

- 1 4. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in one of the claims 1 to
- 2 3, characterized in that the display unit comprises a light box
- 3 situated underneath.
- 1 5. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in one of the claims 1 to
- $\frac{3}{2}$ 3, characterized in that the display unit comprises a reflector
 - situated underneath for reflecting the light from a light source
- situated underneat
 situated above it.

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- 6. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in one of the claims 1-to
- 5, for which the display unit is of the liquid crystal display type implying two crossed polarizers, characterized in that one of the polarizers is placed at the back of the plate of optical fibers.
- 7. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in one of the claims 1-to
- 2 5, characterized in that the diameter of the fibers which are in
- 3 contact with the display unit is smaller than the dimensions of the
- 4 pixels which the display unit can display.
- 1 8. (Amended) A display unit suitable for an apparatus as claimed
- 2 in one of the claims 1-to 7, comprising inter alia an assembly of a
- 3 fiber optic plate placed on the side of the front face facing the
- 4 user and a display unit comprising a multiplicity of pixels,
- 5 characterized in that the fibers of the plate are deformed so as to
- 6 be adapted to various configurations.

- 1 10. (Amended) A display unit as claimed in one of the claims 8-to
- 2 9, characterized in that the diameter of the fibers in contact with
- 3 the display unit is smaller than the dimensions of the pixels which
- 4 the display unit can display.